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1. (Unclassified - SWH) Marcia MacNaughton, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, returned my call, subject of which was an inquiry into the status of ~~S. 3418~~ which is now in Committee markup. MacNaughton said that the current draft bill requires all agencies to adhere to certain sections, including the provisions for notice in the Federal Registry. She said we could pick up a copy of the bill Monday morning.

2. (Internal Use Only - SWH) Received a call from Don Pressley, OGC/AID, inquiring into our readings of the amendment proposed by Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) to the Foreign Assistance Authorization Act. We agreed that the text of Representative Harrington's amendment, that we have in our possession, does not seem to accomplish the objectives of limiting CIA covert actions abroad as indicated in his floor speech on 1 August. We agreed to keep each other informed of the fast moving developments on this bill.

3. (Unclassified - PLC) Called Frank Reeder, OMB, and discussed OMB's request for Agency comments on the latest alternate draft circulated by OMB on ~~H. R. 12206~~ dated July 12, 1974, and revised July 16, 1974. The draft was prepared by the staff of the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, Government Operations Committee. I explained to Reeder that Bill Phillips had informed me that there were changes made to the draft and that since there have been so many new drafts, Chairman William S. Moorhead (D., Pa.) had introduced another bill, H. R. 16183, for subcommittee markup. Reeder agreed that we should address our comments to the new bill rather than the latest alternate draft.

4. (Internal Use Only - PLC) During a chance meeting with Doug Marvin, Senator Roman L. Hruska's (R., Nebr.) staff man on the Senate Judiciary Committee, he mentioned that the conference committee on ~~H. R. 12471~~ which amends the Freedom of Information Act to facilitate demands by any person for Government information, is scheduled to meet next week. He indicated that a number of the members who are not satisfied with the bill will not show up. They hope for a lack of a quorum. He added that this tactic may prevent a vote on the bill.

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5. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me he had discussed the Director's letter of 31 July 1974 to Chairman Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.), House Foreign Affairs Committee, concerning a possible amendment of the State Foreign Assistance Administration proposal. Slatinshek passed on for our information the fact that Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, was very definitive about the fact that there are many areas of change occurring in the Congress at this time and that the Agency will be well advised wherever we can "live with" the existing provision or amendment that we do so. Slatinshek and I were in agreement that the Abourezk amendment is not one that leaves any wiggle room for our benefit.

After meeting with Chairman F. Edward Hebert (D., La.), House Armed Services Committee, I met briefly again with Slatinshek and told him of Chairman Hebert's complete agreement on the matter. John Warner, OGC, and [] have been advised.

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I left with Slatinshek a copy of the Director's prepared text which was given to the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday and a copy of the July 1974 research aid, "The Soviet Economy in 1973: Performance, Plans and Implications."

6. (Unclassified - JGO) Met briefly with Al Tinajero, House Armed Services Committee staff, who gave me a copy of the latest edition of Space Facts and Figures for Sayre Stevens, DDS&T.

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7. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and after checking with [] gave him tentative dates of either Tuesday, 13 August or Wednesday, 14 August for breakfast at the Headquarters building for the full Foreign Affairs Committee of the House. Czarnecki told me he had discussed the matter twice with the Chairman but that pressures of Committee schedule had not allowed the determination.

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